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SUBJECT: IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING ON ZAMBIA

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1. SUMMARY: JAPANESE PLAN NO PLEDGE AT PARIS MEETING,
BUT THEY DO PLAN TO EXTEND AID AFTER CONSIDERING INFORMA-
TION WHICH THAT MEETING WILL DEVELOP. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS HOPES FOR SIZABLE INCREASE OVER LOAN EXTENDED IN
LAST FISCAL YEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED JAPANESE VIEWS ON AID TO ZAMBIA WITH
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR IBRD CONSULTA-
TIVE GROUP MEETING PREPARATIONS. LATTER PLACED HARASHIMA'S
REMARKS IN CONTEXT OF JAPAN'S PLAN TO DOUBLE ITS AID
WITHIN THREE YEARS AND OF ZAMBIA'S STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE
IN AFRICA.

3. MOFA OFFICIAL ADDED THAT A FORMAL REQUEST FOR ASSIS-
TANCE ALREADY HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ZAMBIA. HOWEVER,
RATHER THAN PLEDGING AT JUNE 27-29 MEETING, JAPANESE
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REP WILL LISTEN CLOSELY TO DISCUSSION AND WILL PUT
QUESTIONS TO DEVELOP A BASIS FOR MAKING A COMMITMENT
SOMEWHAT LATER IN THE YEAR. SUCH AID PROBABLY WOULD COME
IN FORM OF SOFT COMMODITY LOAN.

4. JAPANESE AGREE ON NEED FOR AID TO ZAMBIA, MOFA OFFI-
CIAL NOTED, BUT THEY ARE NOT SURE WHETHER IBRD REPORT

DEFINES NEED CORRECTLY. FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD SUPPORT
LARGE ZAMBIA AID INCREASE, HE SAID, OVER JAPAN'S FISCAL
77 AID TO ZAMBIA, WHICH WAS LOAN OF 4.5 BILLION YEN OR
ABOUT 21 BILLION DOLLARS; BUT IT WILL HAVE USUAL BATTLE
WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO OBTAIN SATISFACTORY SUM.
5. JAPANESE HAVE NO POSITION ON INFLUENCE WHICH NEARBY
CONFLICTS MAY EXERT ON ZAMBIAN ECONOMY. WITH RESPECT TO
ZAMBIA'S ECONOMIC PLANNING, JAPANESE IN PRINCIPLE APPLAUD
AGRICULTURAL DIVERSIFICATION AND STABILIZATION MEASURES.
MOFA OFFICIAL NOTED WITH RESPECT TO AGRICULTURE THE
SPECIAL IMPORTANCE OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT, EXTENSION
PROGRAMS, AND "USE OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO RAISE LEVEL OF
PRODUCTION." IN PARTICULAR JAPAN SEES NEED FOR TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE FROM FOREIGN EXPERTS. ON STABILIZATION PRO-
GRAM, JAPANESE RESERVATIONS CENTER ON QUESTION OF WHETHER
THIS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO ZAMBIAN POPULATION.
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